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Patent Application

Applicant(s): A.F. Faryar et al.
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Serial No.: 09/615,565
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Group: 2623
Examiner: Jingge Wu

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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Nearly Lossless-Concatenated Block Transform Coding

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 16, 2003 in the above-identified application. Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application.

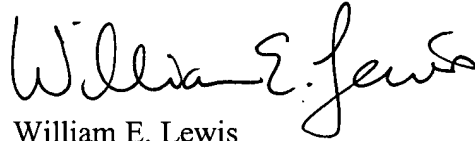
In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the application to one of the following two groups of claims: Group I including claims 1-21; and Group II including claim 22.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants submit that claims 1-21 are not properly restricted from claim 22. More particularly, Applicants respectfully point out that the features of claim 22 are similarly recited in claims 1-21.

Applicants further submit that separating the claims into the separate groups identified by the Examiner will result in an unnecessary duplication of examination and prosecution effort, and will therefore be inefficient for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as well as for Applicants.

Notwithstanding the above traversal, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, that is, claims 1-21, for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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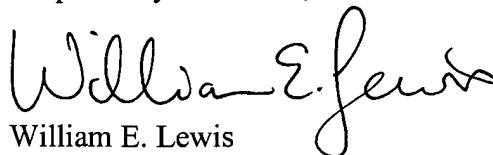
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Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Restriction Requirement.

There is no additional fee due in conjunction with the response. In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or to credit **Ryan, Mason & Lewis, LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error.

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